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SUBJECT: PROPOSED DISCUSSIONS BY GAO ON F-16 PROGRAM AND
FUTURE COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS WITH EUROPEAN COUNTRIES
1. THE GAO HAS PROVIDED THE DEPARTMENT WITH A COPY OF THE
FOLLOWING MESSAGE WHICH WAS TRANSMITTED THROUGH DOD CHANNELS
ON JUNE 19 TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESSEES:

F-16 MNFP BRUSSELS BELGIUM/SG
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QTE IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL'S VISIT TO
SCANDINAVIA TO MEET WITH THE NORDIC COUNCIL AUDITORS'
GENERAL, GAO WAS TOLD THAT THERE WAS A DESIRE BY THE
EUROPEANS TO DISCUSS A NUMBER OF TOPICS WITH MR. STAATS.

SINCE THESE TOPICS RELATED TO THE F-16 PROGRAM, GAO SUGGESTED THAT A SEPARATE MEETING BE HELD AT A LATER DATE TO DISCUSS THESE TOPICS WITH GAO REPRESENTATIVES RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT WORK. PRELIMINARY CONVERSATIONS WITH EUROPEANS INDICATED THAT SUCH A MEETING WOULD BE VERY FRUITFUL.

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GAO REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS ANY TOPIC WHICH THE EUROPEANS FEEL WOULD BE BENEFICIAL FOR THE F-16 PROGRAM OR FUTURE COOPERATIVE PROGRAMS. TOPICS MENTIONED IN THE MESSAGE TO GAO/PSAD 130641Z JUNE 78 FOR DISCUSSION ARE:

- A. ALLOCATION OF OVERHEAD FOR FUTURE CO-PRODUCTION PROGRAM;
- B. APPLICABILITY OF COST ACCOUNT STANDARDS ON MULTINATIONAL PROGRAMS;
- C. EPG (EUROPEAN PROGRAM GROUP) PREVIEW OF ALL GAO F-16 REPORTS PRIOR TO RELEASE.

RECOMMENDATION HAS BEEN MADE THAT AN INITIAL JOINT MEETING BE FOLLOWED BY INDIVIDUAL MEETINGS WITH EACH F-16 EPG IN ORDER TO COVER GENERAL AND SPECIFIC CONCERNS OF EACH.

SUGGEST THAT MEETINGS BE SCHEDULED TO START IN LATE AUGUST (21-31 AUGUST TIMEFRAME) ENDQTE

FYI: THE DEPARTMENT HAS LEARNED FROM THE GAO THAT THERE
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ARE NO PLANS AT THIS TIME FOR MR. STAATS TO BE PRESENT FOR THE SUGGESTED MEETINGS BUT THAT MR. JEROME H. STOLAROW, GAO/WASH WOULD HEAD THE GROUP. IT HAS BEEN POINTED OUT TO THE GAO THAT BECAUSE JULY/AUGUST ARE TRADITIONAL VACATION MONTHS IN EUROPE, A MEETING DATE AFTER SEPTEMBER FIRST WOULD BE MORE WELCOME THAN THE SUGGESTED AUGUST 21-31 DATES MENTIONED. ADDRESSEE POSTS WILL BE KEPT INFORMED OF DEVELOPMENTS. VANCE

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